

Substance of the Interview:

Applicants in the interview discussed the references with respect to independent Claims 1 and 16. Primarily, the application of *Nolan* to Claim 1 was discussed with respect to the free running oscillator concept. It was discussed that *Nolan* disclosed a watch dog timer that, although it being a free running oscillator, it did not provide any kind of time base for use with respect to the running of a processor or with respect to any kind of data protocol. It was agreed that the 103 rejection was overcome with these arguments. It was also agreed that Claim 16 would be amended to include the limitations of the free running oscillator.